



QUEENSWAY VOICE

Inspiring Lifelong Learning

January 2016

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN SCHOOL

School underwent a safeguarding audit last Friday by the Leeds Safeguarding Team. Their report was very positive and identified lots of examples of exemplary practice. They were particularly impressed with The Retreat and how it is being used to improve the children's personal wellbeing and social and emotional development, "The Retreat is an amazing resource that you should be immensely proud of."

We hope you will continue to support the children in keeping safe when travelling to school too. Please encourage them to wear their hi-viz jackets and a helmet if they are cycling or using a scooter.

We would also like to remind all drivers that the school is now within a 20mp zone. This, along with sensible parking, will make Coppice Wood Avenue safer for the children.

BINGO AND BAKE-OFF

The School Council and PTA are working together to organise a family Bingo and Bake-off event on **Wednesday 24th February at 6pm**. The evening will combine prize bingo with a cake competition judged by the School Council. Entries for the competition can be submitted by children or adults and there is no set theme. Slices of the cakes will be sold off at the end of the evening to raise funds for school.

Tickets will be on-sale soon at £1 per person (which includes the first game of bingo). Additional games will be 20p on the night. Light refreshments will also be sold by the PTA.

We hope many of you will join us for this fun evening. A letter containing full details will be sent home soon.



GOVERNOR CONTACTS

Details of the school governors are listed on the school website www.queenswayschool.co.uk

The main contact for parents is Andrew Mottram (Chair of GB)
a.mottram@queenswayschool.co.uk



Parents are represented on the governing body by Amy Travis (Rose in Reception and Louis in Year 2) and Nick Humphrey (Macenzie in Year 1).

Contact with the governors can also be made through the school office.

HOLIDAY DATES

You should have received a letter this week asking for your opinion about term dates for 2016/2017. As a school we would like to extend the autumn term to finish on 20th December to enable us to fit in all our Christmas activities. However, this would be different to the Leeds School Calendar and the two local high schools. The governing body will make a decision based on parent feedback.

In 2017/2018 it is very likely that all the primary and high schools in the Aireborough Learning Partnership will be changing the holiday dates for the Christmas period.

AFTERNOON TEA

On Thursday 3rd March, Year 5 will be hosting a pop-up café to serve afternoon tea. The children will be inviting grandparents into school for the first sitting at 2pm and will then be opening it up to everyone at 3pm. Tea, cakes and buns will be on sale to raise money for Cancer Research. The event has been organized by Evie Cousins and Amelia Midgley.

PE KIT

New PE t-shirts are now available to buy from the school office. Priced at only £2.50 and available in all children's sizes, they are extremely good value for money.

COFFEE MORNING

Unfortunately we had to cancel our last coffee morning. The next one is on **Friday 18th March at 8.45am** and will include a presentation about autism awareness as part of the Aireborough Learning Partnership Autism Awareness Week.



LEARN THROUGH PLAY

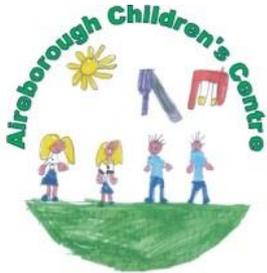
The Children's Centre has places on its Learn through Play group which runs every Tuesday afternoon in the community room. Full details of the group are attached to this newsletter.

Other group sessions available include;

Tuesday Stay and Play (9.00-10.30am) @ Guiseley site

Wednesday Stay, Play & Learn (9.15 – 11.00am) @ Westfield Infant site

Friday Stay & Play (1.30 – 3.00pm) @ Guiseley site



You can contact the Children Centre staff for further information by calling 01943 874925 or 01943 874100

SNOW PLAN

Although the forecast is not predicting a cold spell at the moment (plenty of rain!), snow and ice can cause complications for making school safe. It will always be our intention to remain open and, if you do not hear otherwise, assume school is open and running normally. If the weather is going to affect school opening arrangements, a text message will be sent to all parents (make sure we have an up-to date number) and announcements will be made on local radio stations.



KEEP UP-TO-DATE

Make sure you follow our school Facebook page or Twitter account (@QueenswayPS) to see up to date reports on events in school. Information about upcoming events is also shared via our smartphone app.

..... AND KEEP TALKING

Please remember, if you have any concerns or issues you wish to raise, you are welcome to call into school at any time. Alternatively, you can stop for a chat before or after school when you should find me or Mrs Proctor outside the main entrance. We want to hear your views (positive as well as negative) and will always make time to listen.

or to contact me;

headteacher@queenswayschool.co.uk



Alun Davies
Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 3rd February

Year 6 residential to Lineham Farm

Friday 12th February

School closes for half-term holiday

Monday 22nd February

School re-opens

Wednesday 24th February

Bingo and Bake-off (6pm)

Thursday 3rd March

Cancer Research Afternoon Tea

2pm grandparents

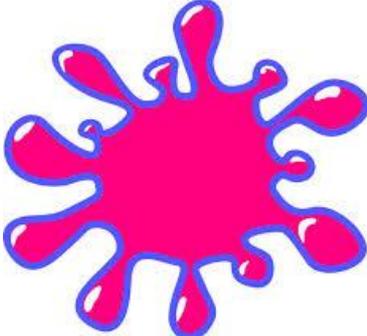
3pm open to all

Friday 18th March

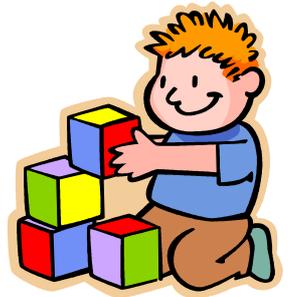
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Parent's Evening



Learn Through Play

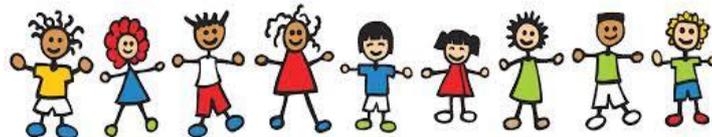


0-5 year-old play group

at Aireborough Children's Centre
c/o Queensway School, Coppice Wood Avenue, Yeadon, LS19 7LF

Every Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.00pm

£1 per family!



A range of play activities to support your
child's learning and development.



For more information call
Aireborough Children's Centre
on 01943 874925 (ext 5)

